



# Commendation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is home of 9 recognized Indian tribes, and whose traditions and heritage have greatly contributed to the culture and history of this state; and*

*WHEREAS, the Indian people of Alabama were subject to the Indian Removal Act of 1832, and forced to leave on the "Trail of Tears;" and*

*WHEREAS, The Trail of Tears Corridor of North Alabama recognizes the J.C.S. Hood Route which encompasses Ross's Landing in Tennessee to Waterloo, Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Association held the first Trail of Tears Commemoration and Motorcycle Ride in 1993; and*

*WHEREAS, this Ride brings thousands of motorcycle riders and tourist to North Alabama to honor the hardships and sacrifices forced by Indian Removal; and*

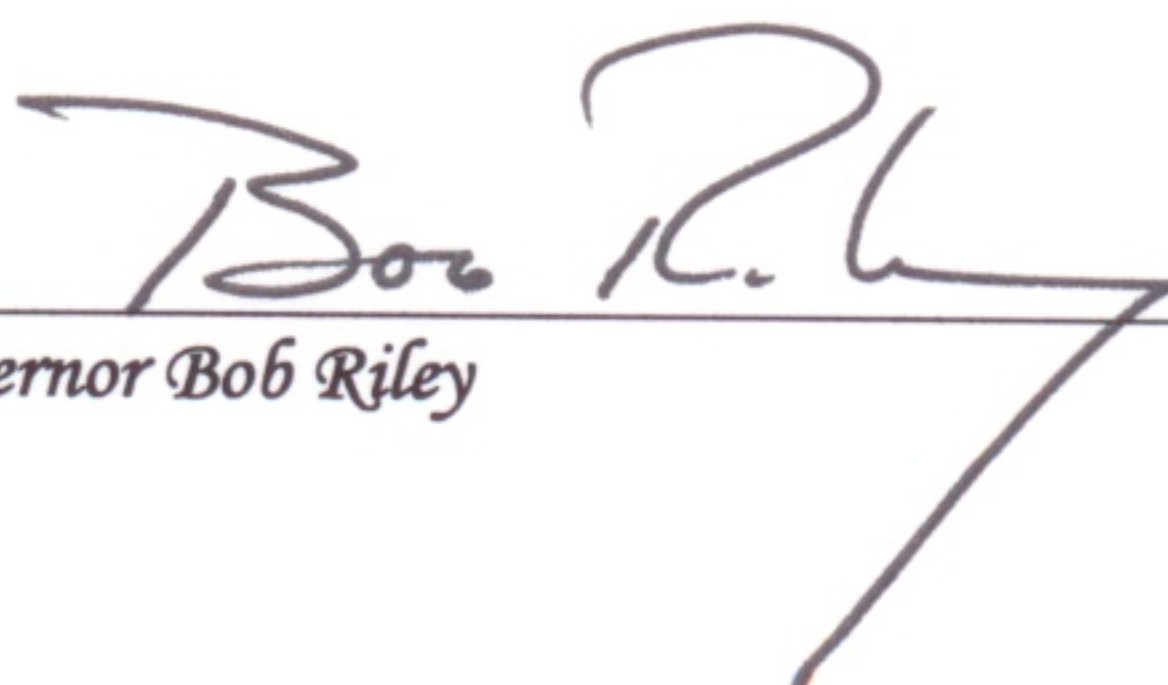
*WHEREAS, at this year's event, there will be a commemorative walk at Waterloo, Alabama, to honor the Indian people by allowing visitors to see and walk the path that the Indian people made as their forced journey to Indian territory began:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby commend*

## *The Trail of Tears Commemoration Walk and Motorcycle Ride*

*On their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemorative Ride.*

*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the  
City of Montgomery on the 15th day of May 2009.*

  
Governor Bob Riley

